

A MIRACLE INVESTIGATED

John Hunter, Blind and Helpless From Paralysis, Now Sees, Walks and Works

The San Francisco Examiner Verifies All the Facts--Interviews With the Mayor of Chico and Other Prominent Citizens

The city of Chico, Butte county, Cal., is the scene of an occurrence so marvelous that, with reverence, it has been compared to the miracles of old.

CAUSED BY PARALYSIS. John Hunter, who has suddenly become one of the most interesting personages on the coast, is a veteran of the civil war, through which he served in Co. C., of the 120th Illinois Volunteers.



representative, he related a story that, were it not substantiated by his sworn statement and corroborated by all the prominent people and officials of the town, would seem like a tale of fiction.

"About four years ago," said Mr. Hunter, "I was suddenly stricken with paralysis. I lost all sense of feeling and all power of movement in my right side, from head to foot. I also partly lost the power of speech. I soon became totally blind and was so perfectly helpless that for three years I was confined to my bed.

"Anyone in a more hopeless condition it would be hard to find. My stomach refused to perform its functions without heroic measures and intense suffering.

"Doctors diagnosed my case as locomotor ataxia and my family physician gave me every care and attention possible, but all his prescriptions during two years were powerless to alleviate my sufferings or in any way afford the slightest relief.

"After being virtually given up as a dead man by friends and physicians, and resigning myself to my apparent fate, my niece read an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I discussed it with my family and, almost hoping against hope, determined to try the pills. I mentioned it to my doctor and he not only gave his consent to my trying Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but strongly advised my doing so.

NOW SEES, TALKS, WALKS AND WORKS. "You see the result. From a blind, helpless paralytic, unable to move

and so broken down and hopeless that life was a burden. I can now walk, do any odd jobs about the place, go down town, and--most wonderful of all--can see. And I owe it all to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"Improvement began while I was taking the second box. I continued taking the pills and from that time on it was gradual but sure. My awful stomach troubles have disappeared, my eyesight has been restored, my brain is clear and active, and if ever a man should be grateful and anxious that others should know the wonderful properties of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, that man is myself.

(Signed) JOHN HUNTER. Subscribed and sworn to before me. C. L. STETSON, Notary Public.

THE MAYOR OF CHICO

And Other Prominent Citizens Endorse Mr. Hunter's Statement

Hon. O. L. Clark, now serving his second term as mayor of Chico, told the Examiner representative, that he considered Mr. Hunter's recovery nothing short of miraculous. Mayor Clark said he believed the cause of suffering humanity could be helped by any publicity given the remedy which restored John Hunter's health.

The Rev. W. G. White, pastor of the Chico Presbyterian church, which Mr. Hunter is a member, said: "The recovery of Mr. Hunter seems very remarkable and his present condition is the wonder of his friends."

Mr. A. H. Crew, cashier of the Bank of Chico, was willing to corroborate Mr. Hunter's sworn statement. "I had never expected to see him recover any of his lost faculties, much less to see him able to walk, see and work, as he now is," concluded Mr. Crew.

The postmaster of Chico, Mr. W. W. Wilson, said: "I was at Mr. Hunter's house and saw his pitiable condition with my own eyes. I have also seen him today, walking the streets and practically well. I know that he would not make an untruthful statement, nor would he mislead anyone as to the means that brought about what we all consider one of the greatest cures of the age."

WHAT THE CALIFORNIA MIRACLE MEANS TO SUFFERERS

The chief significance of this extraordinary cure is that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not an ordinary medicine. They are wonderful in their potency in nervous troubles, small or great, and the cure of such a severe nervous disorder as that of Mr. Hunter proves the power of the remedy in lesser troubles, such as sciatica, neuritis, nervous headache, St. Vitus' dance, and nervous debility. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have a double action--on the blood and on the nerves. If the blood is kept pure, rich and red, and the nerves strong and active, disease cannot obtain a foothold.

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during the entire week. This body has waited patiently for the canal bill from the house and the probability is that it will be considered in the senate immediately upon its assembling on Monday. Perhaps the only important thing that the senate did during the week was to attend the wedding of Miss Foraker, daughter of the senior senator from Ohio. The senate adjourned the day before, until the following day and fixed the hour so that they could attend the wedding in a body. After the wedding, the senate convened--most of the senators dressed in the proper garb for a morning wedding. The upper body of the legislative branch of the government was clad almost to a man in the frock (black) coat and it is being considered among the members that hereafter they will wear a uniform garb on the floor. It really seemed to add dignity to the meeting to see them all clad alike in the black Prince Albert.

There has been quite a bit of opposition to the sending of a special ambassador to the coronation of Edward VII. The Post comes out in an editorial stating plainly that it is in favor of sending ex-President Cleveland or nobility. But the editorial of the Independent on that question seems to strike the nail on the head. Representative Norton (dem., O.) will lead the opposition to any bill which will send a special ambassador to the coronation of any king. He views the question in the light that the United States should take no official recognition of the functions of royalty. It is probable that when the question comes up in the lower house to make the appropriation for sending the special ambassador, that it will meet with the determined opposition of the democratic members, at least. They view the question in this light. That any recognition--at the least a special recognition of the crowning of an English king, will be a declaration against the fighting Boers--it will be a commendation of the British policy in South Africa--and this the democrats

that if they cannot get the republican party to realize that two republics are struggling to free themselves from royalty in South Africa, that they will at least prevent an indorsement of the British policy there.

The new bill introduced by Representative Cooper (rep., Wis.) providing for the government of the Philippines is in such striking resemblance to the bill framed by the war department and introduced by the senior senator from Massachusetts, Mr. Lodge, that opposition to it is based upon the same grounds.

The bill providing for the permanent census bureau was brought up in the house on Friday, and many speeches were made pro and con. It was not anticipated that there would be such opposition to the bill when it was introduced, and it has now been recommended to the committee for reconsideration. The bill was introduced by Representative Hopwood.

The special committee formed of Pacific coast members to consider and draft a bill for the exclusion of the Chinese have finished their labors, and will in a few days report to the house their new bill. It is reported that the bill will be as stringent as the last one. The probability is that the old Geary bill will be readopted with provisions for a stricter enforcement.

Rear Admiral Schley has sent his petition to the president asking for a revision of the case and the president has in turn delivered the petition to the attorney general to get his opinion on the legal merits. Meanwhile, there are several Schley resolutions waiting consideration by the house with a strong probability that they will be considered--that they will be killed in committee. The majority party feel that they have committed a great blunder in the action that they have already taken in the case and are disposed to kill everything that will tend to bring the question into the public eye again. It is strongly rumored--a rumor that is undoubtedly true--that the president has given orders that the question never be brought up in the house. The party realizes that they have gotten themselves into a veritable cleft-stick, that further struggle to get themselves out of it, only makes their struggle harder. They must try and hush the matter.

The Washington papers have been eager to comment upon the action of Governor Savage of Nebraska for his pardon of the defaulting ex-State Treasurer, J. S. Bartley. The Post immediately upon his pardoning Bartley, Governor Savage realized for the first time that the Nebraska climate did not agree with him. He took a trip south. Strange, eh? And the other papers have commented in the same strain. All of them denounce Governor Savage for his action in the matter and say that it looks as though they were filling a pre-campaign promise.

Judge B. S. Baker of Omaha, who had sentenced Bartley to twenty years in the penitentiary for embezzlement, is now in Washington with his wife for a few days' stay. Judge Baker has recently been appointed to a supreme court justiceship in New Mexico. He is here simply to see the sights and make a few social calls. Judge Baker was asked his opinion of the action of Governor Savage, and he said:

"So you want to know about Bartley, Savage, Nebraska, Kansas, etc., do you?" remarked Judge Baker. "Well, if I say anything about Savage, it would simply be that he has killed himself politically by pardoning Bartley. The people of the state have become so greatly incensed over his action in this regard that his party will not dare try to nominate him again for governor. Over nine-tenths of the newspapers are against him, because of the Bartley affair, and the rank and file of the people are very much displeased.

"Yes, I was frequently solicited by Bartley's friends to sign a petition asking for his pardon, but I always refused. It looked to me, after going over the entire case, as if he had simply taken the money, and there was nothing to do but sentence him. His appearance in court was very much against him, as he remained stolid and sullen, refusing to do anything to clear himself. Charges of lack of sufficient backbone have also been made against Governor Savage, so that it seems highly improbable that he can be renominated."

WILLIAM W. BRIDE. N. B. No cabinet changes have occurred this week. W. B. B.

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A Light in Darkness

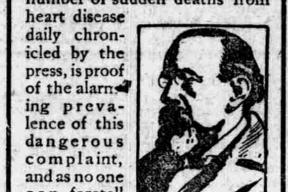
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I like your paper first-rate and I hope you will be in the future what you have been in the past, a light in the darkness. MRS. M. E. BROWN. Greeley, Colo.

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A Good Hearted Man,

or in other words, men with good sound hearts, are not very numerous. The increasing number of sudden deaths from heart disease daily chronicled by the press, is proof of the alarming prevalence of this dangerous complaint, and no one can foretell just when a fatal collapse will occur, the danger of neglecting treatment is certainly a very risky matter. If you are short of breath, have pain in left side, smothering spells, palpitation, unable to lie on side, especially the left, you should begin taking



J. A. Kreamer, Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.

J. A. Kreamer of Arkansas City, Kans., says: "My heart was so bad it was impossible for me to lie down, and I could neither sleep nor eat. My circulation was rapid, and I realized I must get help soon. I was advised to try Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, which I did, and candidly believe it saved my life."

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Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

STATE TREASURY THEFT

Mr. Sears, Republican Speaker, of the House Charges Stuefer With the Crime and Furnishes Proofs

As soon as the republicans carried the state the independent said that Bartley would be pardoned and the state treasury would be raided again. As to the first assertion every one knows that it had been accomplished and as to the second, the Independent now introduces as a witness the republican speaker of the house. To those who have been readers of this paper it may seem that this additional testimony is redundant, the facts having already been established by abundant proof, but some populist may want the evidence of some leading republican to show to his neighbor, and it is here furnished. Mr. Sears, after first declaring that every word and line on the subject printed in the State Journal was false, says:

The facts of what is called the Burt county bond deal are easily stated: The county had \$80,000 of refunding bonds to dispose of. The old bonds matured July 1, 1901, and therefore the refunding bonds had to be prepared and disposed of with reference to that date. One gentleman from Tekamah had talk with Mr. Stuefer, a year ago as to the state's taking them for the permanent school fund. Mr. Stuefer said that he would take them for the state, and at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent interest. He also spoke to another Burt county citizen--myself--with a like statement. The first to whom he spoke, told the members of the board, I believe while in session, that Mr. Stuefer had taken a year ago as to the state's taking them for the permanent school fund. Mr. Stuefer said that he would take them for the state, and at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent interest. He also spoke to another Burt county citizen--myself--with a like statement. 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